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TRAPPED ON THE VOLTURNO

More Than 80 Passengers Were Cut Off by Flames and Burned

105 SURVIVORS REACH NEW YORK

The Heroism of Officer Lloyd Paved the Way for Many Rescues—Members of Crew Who Took Passengers' Places in Boats Were Drowned.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—New York took in and sheltered yesterday the first survivors of the steamship Volturmo to arrive in this country, 105 in number, brought into port by the Grosser Kurfirst, the North German Lloyd liner that sent the first rescue boat careening across the heavy seas that made so difficult the task of removing passengers and crew from the burning ship.

The explosion of a drum containing chemicals was the cause of the fire, according to the story told by Waldron Disselmann, third officer of the Volturmo. Disselmann gave a thrilling narrative of the long hours spent on his fire-ridden ship, fighting the flames, sustaining the crippled wireless plant, lowering lifeboats, quelling the panic-stricken, steering the vessel by hand to keep her from drifting—fighting the battle unaided because the waves were running too high for small craft from other ships to accomplish the journey to the Volturmo's side.

More than 80 passengers were burned to death when they were cut off by the flames, Disselmann reported. Ranking well up with the bravery displayed by Capt. Inch of the Volturmo were the boats of daring of several of his officers, among them Second Officer Lloyd. While 105 ocean liners maneuvered about the Volturmo after darkness had settled on Thursday night, Inch wirelessed: "We can't stand this long. Our boats are gone. Send boats."

No rescue boats came in response to Inch's message.

Measured Up to the Hero Ideal.

Then Second Officer Lloyd measured up to the mark. Taking four men with him, he entered a damaged lifeboat, the Volturmo's last, and showed that the sea could be lived upon. Second Officer Von Carlsberg of the Grosser Kurfirst, told the story of how Lloyd and his crew set the example for the other ships. "Soon a light was seen. Lloyd's pocket lamp was seen dancing up and down on top of the waves," said Von Carlsberg, "and in a short time the Volturmo's boat reached us. Second Officer Lloyd and his crew were in the boat, and no sooner had they boarded the Kurfirst than their boat sank, being nearly full of water. The trip had been experimental to see if it was possible for a small boat to live in the heavy sea."

Von Carlsberg commanded the first lifeboat that put toward the Volturmo as a result of Lloyd's venture. Besides the Grosser Kurfirst, others of the liners that had come to the Volturmo's assistance lowered lifeboats and assisted in the dangerous work of rescue.

"The Curacao, which had relayed the Volturmo's wireless call for help to the other steamships, did not dispatch any lifeboats, according to Second Officer Lloyd of the Volturmo.

"When we got alongside the Volturmo," said Second Officer Von Carlsberg of the Kurfirst, describing the first boat's trip, "I heard screaming on board and I decided to keep away, for I figured some of the panic-stricken people might jump into our boat and upset it.

"I shouted to the officers of the Volturmo to tell the people to jump into the sea and they would be rescued.

This advice was taken and we picked up men after men. When we got back to our ship I found we had rescued 22 men. The following morning I made two trips and rescued more. While we were at the Volturmo's side I could not see a single woman. They all appeared to be men."

Risks Life to Mend the Wireless.

Second Officer Lloyd risked his life in other ways than by his trip to the Kurfirst. When the forecast threatened to topple it was Lloyd who climbed to the wireless plant and mended it so that communication could be maintained with the other ships.

Descending, Lloyd fell 20 feet, wounding his forehead. This was before he took his crew of four and entered the Volturmo's last boat.

Third Engineer Alfred Pinch was another hero, refusing to desert the flame-threatened engine room until he got orders from Capt. Inch to do so. Then Pinch donned his best uniform, pocketed his navigator's certificate and five savings, and jumped overboard. He was rescued.

Passengers told of some of the horrors they saw. Some women were burned to death; others, badly burned, were rescued. Several were quoted as declaring they saw ship's officers keep back with revolvers, panic-stricken, some men who had swarmed up from the bowels of the vessel after the explosion and tried to force their way into lifeboats ahead of women and children.

It was denied on behalf of the officers that revolvers had been used.

More Stories of Cowardice.

At shelter houses, where they had been fed and clothed, the survivors last night declared almost in one voice that many of the Volturmo's crew were guilty of cowardice.

They told of having seen sailors rush to the sides of the burning ship, push women and children aside and leap into the lifeboats and lower themselves, thinking only of their own safety while helplessly passengers remained on the decks and prayed to be saved.

But the stories brought in by wireless and the ones told on land show that those

of the crew who thus took the places of passengers in the lifeboats are not among the rescued. The boats were overturned and all in them perished. One sailor leaped from the Volturmo's deck, alighted himself in an overturned lifeboat and his weight split the boat in two and all were drowned, said one survivor.

Passengers tonight described also scenes of horror when the people in the steerage made their rush for the upper decks after the first explosion. Women were knocked down, others were swept overboard and were drowned, and children were walked upon and killed, according to the stories. Passengers fell to their knees and were trampled upon as they prayed.

"Every one for himself" in cases of this kind," members of the crew replied when appealed to for protection, said one survivor.

HIGLEY WRITES OF PANAMA EARTHQUAKE

Awakened by Creaking of House—Pandemonium in Colored Section—Damage to Many Buildings.

In a recent letter which Mrs. Charles Higley of West Brattleboro has received from her son, Homer Higley, at Panama, Mr. Higley says in regard to the earthquake of October 1: "It was the hardest shock felt there in many years. One of the hardest came at 11:30 that night, and after that others came at short intervals and of varying intensity. When the first shock was felt I was asleep and the creaking and groaning of the house awakened me. Down town in the native and colored section it was pandemonium broken loose. The streets were full of half-dazed people gesticulating, laughing and crying. This condition was the same everywhere from Colon to Panama. It is reported that no damage was done here, though up country in some of the villages they report damage to many of the buildings. There would be far more danger in or around stone or brick buildings at such a time than there would be in our wooden ones, even though they are built on posts and often on a side hill, which would sufficiently make one expect to hear the posts collapse at any moment. There is a rumor here also that Icos del Toro, the big volcano port up the coast on the Atlantic is sinking and that there was a tidal wave at Port Limon, Costa Rica."

YOUNG PARTRIDGE FLEW INTO STORE

Upset Inkwell at Michelman's—Heard No Guns Were Kept in That Locality—Given to Miss Burke.

A young partridge scurrying out of the woods to avoid hunters and hearing that no guns were kept in the vicinity of South Main and Canal streets and that, if there were, no one would dare shoot at a real bird after the experience of Tuesday night, when a part of a chimney was mistaken for an eagle, flew there for safety yesterday afternoon.

Attracted by the display of finery on a par with his own pretty coloring, he flew in through an open window of the Michelman System's store and in his haste to sign an order for his new outfit upset the inkwell on the desk. That cost him his freedom and Miss Teresa Burke carried him home as a souvenir of the occasion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Annual Meeting of the State Association Held in Vergennes.

The 45th annual meeting of the Vermont State Sunday School association was held in Vergennes Monday and Tuesday with an attendance of about 250. Several important addresses were delivered, perhaps the most striking being that by Dr. H. M. Hamill of Nashville, who spoke on Wanted, Men. He said the crying need was for men who would take hold and do service in the Sunday school. He protested strongly against separating men and women in work, secular or Sunday school; that both men and women had their part in the work of the church and that the duty of men to attend and lead the boys is example and inspiration. He warned the men to beware of letting business separate them from their homes and of losing their influence with their boys.

In the business session Tuesday afternoon officers were elected as follows: Pres., H. A. Clayton of Morrisville; vice pres., A. M. Aseltine of Burlington; rec. sec., Rev. W. W. Smith of Colchester; treas., W. H. Wood of Burlington; auditor, A. D. Douglass of Essex Junction; members of the board of directors, W. H. Dean of Ferrisburgh for one year, M. P. Perley of Enosburgh Falls for two years, A. F. Stone of St. Johnsbury for three years; chairman of board of directors, Fred S. Pease of Burlington; member of the international committee, Redfield Preator of Proctor; alternate, H. A. Clayton of Morrisville; trustee of the Anti-Saloon league, W. P. Glynn of Saxtons River.

FIRST FRENCH AERIAL MAIL.

Aviator Beats Trails by an Hour in Seven-Hour Flight.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—The first French aerial mail was dispatched from Villetaneuse by airplane at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, when Lieut. Andre Robin, a military aviator, departed with a bag containing 22 pounds of letters destined for the West Indies and Central America. Lieut. Robin was to deliver the letters to a postoffice of the department of the Gironde, to be transported by automobile to the seaport of Pauillac and placed on board the steamer Peron. The minister of posts, Louis Masse, was present to witness the departure of the aviator. A despatch from Pauillac says that Lieut. Robin landed at 2:15, having accomplished the journey in seven hours and a quarter, beating the mail trains by an hour.

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WEST GUILFORD.

Funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols.

The funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Nichols was held in the Baptist church in West Guilford at 2 o'clock Monday, Oct. 13. The funeral sermon was preached by their pastor, Rev. H. I. Kemp, from the words, "The Lord is high unto them that are of a broken heart," found in the 34th Psalm and 15th verse.

The funeral was largely attended and the many and beautiful flowers were taken of high esteem. The burial took place in the West Brattleboro cemetery where they were placed side by side.

Walter H. Nichols, 27, was born Jan. 9, 1887, in Halifax. His parents moved to West Guilford when he was five months old and all the rest of his life has been spent in town. He married Miss Katherine Moore of West Gate, Vt., May 17, 1911.

Walter leaves his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nichols, one brother, Austin Nichols, and one sister, Mrs. H. W. Carpenter. Katherine, his wife, leaves one sister in West Guilford, Mrs. George Coddling, also her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Moore, and two other sisters and three brothers in Virginia.

Those who are left to mourn the loss of those young people have the kindest sympathy of the West Guilford people.

Out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Carpenter of Greenfield, Mass., Mrs. F. P. Caldwell of Athol, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Spears of Springfield, Mass., Ernest Norman and daughter, May, of Rockland, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Willard Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. E. Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Berne Aldrich of Shelburne Falls, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nichols of Colrain, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nichols and Russell Nichols of Elm Grove, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pease, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pease and Mrs. McKensie of Halifax, and Mrs. Luel Moore and A. S. Nichols of Brattleboro, also F. B. Wilfred of 32078, Mrs. F. J. Wilfred of 32078, Mr. and Mrs. George Coddling.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our deep gratitude to our pastor, Rev. H. I. Kemp, to the singers, the bearers, neighbors and friends and all who assisted us by words and deeds of sympathy and kindness in our hour of trial.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. George Coddling, Lieut. Robin, Lieut. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Nichols, West Guilford, Oct. 15.

SPARGO ON SOCIALISM

Noted Exponent of Doctrine Gives Idealistic Views at Woman's Club

SOME ERRONEOUS IDEAS DISPELLED

Fundamental Doctrine Is Collective Control of Things which in Private Hands May Be Used to Exploit Labor of Others.

About 150 members of the Brattleboro Woman's club and guests listened attentively for an hour and a quarter yesterday afternoon in the Congregational chapel to John Spargo, the most gifted exponent of Socialism in the United States, if not in the world. As always, he held the undivided attention of his audience while he told of the ideal of Socialism, picturing with beautiful word paintings what everyone appreciates would be the ideal life on this earth but which few, unless ardent Socialists, will believe may be brought to pass at any time.

His audience caught a glimpse of his early activity in Socialism when, in describing much of the present antagonistic attitude towards that doctrine, he mentioned that he was one of the five who in London drew up the first description of the Socialistic belief: "Collective ownership and control under democratic management of all means of production, distribution and exchange."

Since that time, he explained, the efforts of exponents of the doctrine have been busily engaged in explaining that the word "all" was a mistake. What they did mean to express at that time, and do now, was the "ownership and control of those things which, in private hands, can be used to exploit the labor of others; which give others power over life and the capacity to earn bread."

Touching upon that other perverted belief of many that Socialism is intended to bring all to a dead level of equality and that all private property is to be taken for the state, he characterized this as ridiculous and the antithesis of the theory or intent of Socialism. What the true Socialist looks forward to is that happy millennium is the increase in private property to a point where every person shall have as his or her own so much as each can use without doing injury to another. It is not desired that all should be on an equal plane of any kind except that of an equal chance in life for every child, and this, he contends with truth, cannot be until every child has been born into the world with an equal chance at sunlight and brought forth by a mother who has an equal chance with all others for health and strength.

The solution of much of this he regards as the governmental control of all public utilities; not the curbing of the trusts and monopolies, but a collective or governmental control of them for the benefit of all. Politically, he said, all parties except the Socialist view the situation with nothing but destructive programs for the betterment of conditions. One favors leaving well enough alone, another curbing the monopolies, while the Socialist party comes forth with the only constructive view, that of public ownership and control of the great industries.

Incidentally, he expressed the belief that Mr. Roosevelt's program of curbing the trusts is bound to be tried out and bound to fail for the reason that it was based upon the fundamentally unsound principle of setting a man to watch the man who is watching the man at work. Such a plan carried out to the last degree necessary would transform the United States into the greatest bureaucracy ever known. As an illustration, he declared that it costs more to regulate banking in New York than it would for the government to do all of the banking.

Fundamentally, the Socialist believes that those who make the bread should be permitted to eat so much of it as health and strength require. The Socialist does not condemn individuals, for the worst evils are the incidental results of the highest and best collective aspirations for good.

As the material progress of man is traced upward a basis of material gain for all is shown. The Socialist says all of the gain we have made is worthless unless it is to lead to the liberation of human energies for a larger spiritual, moral and intellectual plane in the life of the world. No upward step in the march of progress can prove a blessing to mankind unless it is nurtured in clean soil and under decent economic conditions. Every increase in the power to produce wealth can be made a step upward and Godward under proper conditions.

VOLTURNO NOT SEEN.

Cymric Cruised Around Spot Where Vessel Was Abandoned.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 16.—No sign of the derelict bulk of the Volturmo was seen by the Cymric on her voyage across the Atlantic. She arrived here today and the commander reported making a circular cruise around the spot where the Volturmo was abandoned without sighting the vessel or any wreckage.

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